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WITH ANTI-FERROMAGNETIC COUPLING

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 21, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 11-19, 21 and 22, drawn to a method of making a magnetic recording medium by deposition in a specified gas environment, classified in class 427, subclass 127+, without traverse, for continued examination.

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